GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food testing laboratories set up as on date alongwith the number of food testing laboratories proposed to be set up in near future, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the existing food testing laboratories in order to meet international standards of the industry;

(c) if so, details of food testing laboratories proposed to be upgraded in each State; and

(d) the funds sanctioned/proposed to be sanctioned thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) provides financial assistance under its Plan Scheme to various stakeholders such as Central/State Government organizations, IITs, Universities, private sector organisations for setting up / up-gradation of food testing laboratories in order to meet domestic as well as international standards of the food products. MFPI has assisted 36 organizations and approved grant-in-aid of Rs. 52.83 Crore so far, under its Plan Scheme. A statement indicating total number of food testing laboratories, state- wise, assisted by MFPI is at Annexure- I. The schemes operated by MFPI are not State specific. The proposals received from States and other stakeholders for setting up /up-gradation of food testing laboratories are considered as per guidelines of this Ministry. During 11th Plan, MFPI proposes to provide financial assistance for upgradation/setting up of about 84 food-testing laboratories at National, State and District levels with financial outlay of Rs 74.00 Crores.

Annexure- I

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question 1321 for 8.3.2007 regarding Food Testing Laboratories.

Statement indicating State-wise financial assistance provided by MFPI so far, for setting up / up-gradation of food testing laboratories

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Food Testing Laboratories	Total Grant-in-aid approved (Rs in Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	360.389
2.	Assam	1	485.00
3.	Delhi	4	350.94
4.	Gujarat	2	649.24
5.	Haryana	3	178.32
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	100.00
7	Jharkhand	1	50.00

8.	Karnataka	2	433.51
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2	84.39
10.	Maharashtra	2	95.22
11.	Punjab	2	251.15
12.	Tamilnadu	2	261.70
13.	Uttar Pradesh	5	648.24
14.	Uttrakhand	1	32.00
15.	West Bengal	4	803.08
16	Kerala	1	500.00
Total		36	5283.179